किसी राज्य के विभिन्न जिलों को विद्युत की सप्लाई किया जाना, संबंधित राज्य के क्षेत्राधिकार में आता है । उत्तर प्रदेश में विद्युत की उपलब्धता में सुधार करने हेतु किये गये विभिन्न उपायों में ये शामिल हैं:-विद्यमान विद्युत उत्पादन केन्द्रों के विद्युत उत्पादन को अधिकतम करना, विद्युत उत्पादन केन्द्रों के नवीकरण एवं आधुनिकीकरण संबंधी कार्यक्रम को कार्यान्वित करना पारेषण एवं वितरण हानियों में कमी करना, प्रभावी भार प्रबंधन एवं ऊर्जा संरक्षण उपायों को कार्यान्वित करना आदि । प्रणाली संबंधी परिस्थितियां अनुकूल होने पर पड़ौसी प्रणालियों से भी उत्तर प्रदेश को सहायता प्रदान की जाती है ।

Safety of Tehri Dam

1256. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Telegraph of the 23rd June, 1992 giving certain facts stated by the eminent environmentalist Prof. T. Shivaji Rao alleging that Government experts have mislead the country regarding the safety of the Tehri Dam project; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report is not based on facts.

Steep increase in demand for power

1257. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Indian Express of the 20th June, 1992 captioned "Steep increase in demand for power";

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) what is the power requirement and consumption ratio for the Capital;

(d) what are the reasons for galloping increase in electricity demand in the Capital;

(e) whether it is a fact that the five star hotels and large establishments (commercial) make unrestricted consumption of energy; and

(f) if so, what action are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The increase in demand of electricity in Delhi is mainly attributed to the substantial increase in population, commercial/industrial activities, general improvement in the standard of living etc. During the period April—June, 1992 the availability of energy in Delhi was 2606 million units against the requirement of 2625 million units. The marginal deficit of 0.7 per cent was met by suitable load management and enforcing peak load restrictions on industries.

(e) and (f) In view of the consumption of electricity by the large commercial establishments and Five Star Hotels, suggestions have been made for exploring the feasibility of using captive power plants by such establishments to reduce drawals from the Northern Grid. DESU and NDMC have been advised to closely monitor the consumption of electricity by such establishments.

Implementation of the decision to increase tariff taken in the Power Ministers Conference

1258. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) which states have so far implemented the decision taken at the

last Power Ministers Conference to increase the tariff in order to bring the different Electricity Boards out of the red;

(b) whether any instructions or directions hvae been given by the Centre to contain freight hikes to the minimum by resorting to other means to avoid losses, such as losses in transmission; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) As per available information, two States namely, Maharashtra and Haryana have revised their tariff after the last Power Ministers' Conference held on 4-4-92. However; during 1991-92, 14 States had revised their tariff.

(b) and (c) In order to improve the overall performance, State Electricity Boards have been reqeusted to identify specific areas of improvement and to draw up an Action Plan to achieve the same. These include reduction in T & D losses, economy in fuel, review of manpower cost, improvement in revenue collection etc.

Implementation of Uniform Power Tariff Scheme

1259. SHRI P. UPENDRA:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the scheme uniform tariff could not take off because of resistance from the State Electricity Boards; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps Government have taken to prevail upon the State Electricity Boards in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) The fixation of tariff for supply of power by the State Electricity Board is within the jurisdiction of the Board/ State Govt. concerned. No scheme to levy uniform power tariff in the country has been evolved so far. However, during the Conference of State Power Ministers held on 4-4-92, it was resolved that there should be a 'national minimum agricultural tariff' for electrical energy and that this should be fixed at 50 paise per unit, for the present.

Contract given by DESU to a Dutch Firm

1260. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DESU has decided to give a contract to a Dutch firm for installing gas insulated switch geard even though the company did not submit its quotation for the project;

(b) if so, what are the names of foreign and indigenous firms, which have submitted their quotations for the project; and

(c) what are the reasons for awarding the contract to a firm which even did not submit its quotation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) In response to the tenders invited by DESU for the installation of 66 KV Gas Insulated Switchgears, offers were received from M/s. AEG, West Germany, M/s. Marubeni Corporation, Japan, M/s. Merlin Gerin, France and M/s. Mitsui & Co. Ltd., Japan. The lowesth offer of M/s. Marubeni Corporation could not be finalised as they could not comply with technical requirements and also claimed substantial increase in cost. Meanwhile an offer was recived by DESU